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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-METHIONINE BY FERMENTATION

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action of December 4, 2001, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group III and the species that has homoserine transsuccinylase for which concerted inhibition by L-methionine and S-adenosylmethionine is desensitized, for further prosecution at this time.

REMARKS

The Office has restricted this application as follows under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 12-20, drawn to a method for producing methionine using a microorganism deficient in a repressor of methionine biosynthesis;

Group II: Claims 21-30, drawn to a method for producing methionine using a microorganism with enhanced homoserine transsuccinylase activity; and